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BADGER AND LUTHER MEET AT THE CROSSROADS

Crossroads #3 brings Badger and Luther Ironheart together for the first time when Ham is bitten by the celluloid bug and goes Hollywood, casting Badger to co-star in the Druid wizard's outer-space martial arts epic *Space Ninja*. A director with a passion for authenticity, Ham decides to send a reluctant Badger ahead in time to learn the actual fighting techniques of the future.

Flung adrift in the ethereal void of the Time Dimension, Badger encounters Talbert, Monitor of the Void. Learning of Badger's quest, Talbert dispatches him to a particularly violent time and place — 21st century Chicago. Landing smack dab in the middle of a terrorist assault against the Plexmall, Badger is promptly arrested and finds himself in the custody of Plexus Ranger Luther Ironheart.

Meanwhile, back in the present, Ham retrieves Badger from the future with an unwitting Luther in tow. Unbeknownst to any of them, the master of the void — the demonic Count Kohler (last seen in **Badger** #34 & 35) — follows our heroes through the rift in time with a plan to unleash a reign of terror upon the Earth.

To stop Kohler, the magic of an ancient sorcerer must be invoked. But the only way to acquire this magic is to still the heart of one who is pure...

Crossroads #3, featuring Badger and Luther Ironheart — a meeting you can't afford to miss! By **Roger Salick**, **Joe Staton**, and **Jeff Albrecht**. Cover painting by **Steve Rude**. Prestige Format. Full-color. 48 pages. Five-issue limited series. $3.25. Shipping the third week in May.

Sienkiewicz On Lone Wolf

Lone Wolf and Cub, the international publishing phenomenon of 1987, enters its second year this month, and the new year brings a new cover artist — **Bill Sienkiewicz**, famous for his work on *The Shadow*, *Elektra: Assassin*, and many other ground-breaking comics series. Each of his covers for Lone Wolf and Cub will be a full-color painting.

Lone Wolf and Cub #13 features a special "prequel," highlighting the events that led up to Ito Ogami's fall from power as the Shogun's official executioner.

Lone Wolf and Cub #13. By **Kazuo Koike** and **Goseki Kojima**. Shipping the first week in May. $2.50.

Grimjack Turns Fifty

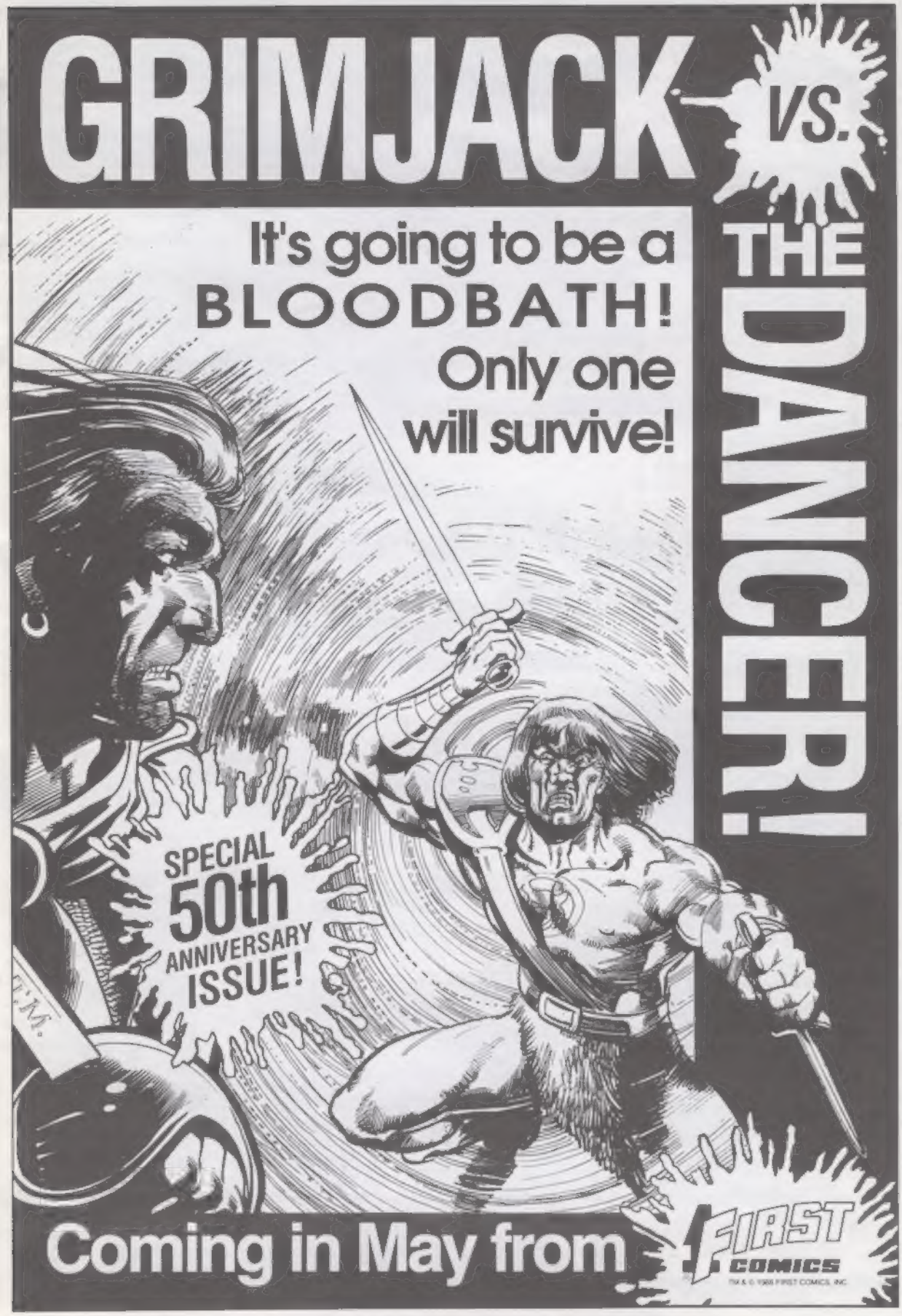
Grimjack turns 50 this month, with a special 50th anniversary issue, a conclusion to the six-part "Demon Wars" storyline, and the grand finale to the first 50 issues.

Grimjack and his arch-nemesis, the Dancer, go one on one in a full-length story, and only one will survive the encounter — and Grimjack doesn't care which one.

Grimjack #50 is also something of an anniversary for **Tom Mandrake**: his 20th issue, making him the longest running artist on the book.

Grimjack #50. By **John Ostrander** and **Tom Mandrake**. Shipping the second week in May. $1.75.

The Nexus/Badger Crossover Continues in Nexus #48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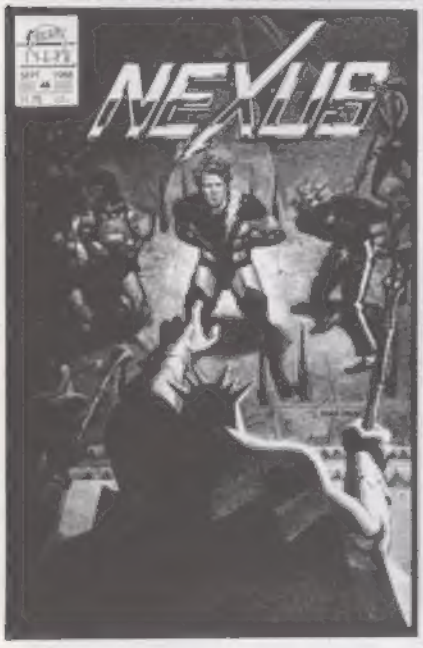

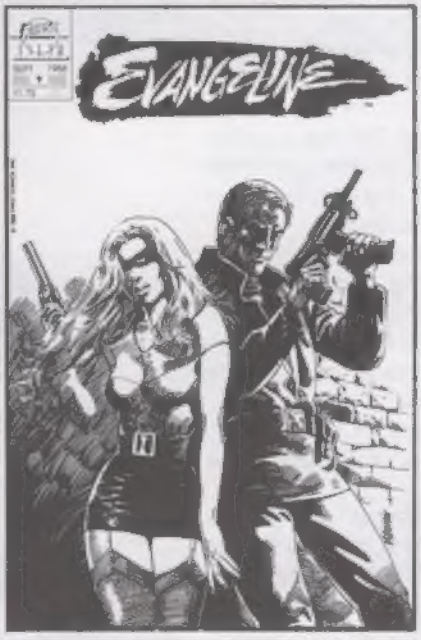

THE NEXUS/BADGER SIX-PART MINI-EPIC CONTINUES AS NEXUS, BADGER, AND JUDAH ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE SOLAR SYSTEM IN NEXUS #48

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Lone Wolf and Cub #13: By **Kazuo Koike** and **Gosekl Kojima**. Cover painting by **Bill Sienkiewicz**. 64 pages. Perfect bound. Black-and-white. $2.50.

Badger #39: Badger leads an all-animal band in the shadow of a ninja assassin. By **Mike Baron** and **Brian Murray**. $1.75.

Evangeline #9: Evangeline investigates an illegal eugenics operation. By **Charles Dixon, John Statema, and Ricardo Villagran**. Bi-monthly series. $1.75.

Nexus #48: Nexus, Badger, and Judah fight to free the one being who can save the solar system. Part four of six. By **Mike Baron** and **Steve Rude**. $1.75.

Shipping May 6

Dreadstar #38: Vanth battles a gigantic killing machine to save the new Willow. By **Jim Starlin, Luke McDonnell,** and **Val Mayerik**. Bi-monthly series. $1.75.

Grimjack #50: Cynosure is rocked with destruction and death as **John Ostrander** and **Tom Mandrake** present the conclusion of the *Demon Wars* saga and the grand finale of the first 50 issues in this special 50th anniversary issue. $1.75.

Whisper #16: The return of Bain, the *impossible* return of a dead nemesis, and a final panel that will have you wondering: "Will there be a Whisper #17?" The shocking beginning of a new two-part storyline by **Steven Grant** and **Spyder**. $1.75.

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Howard Chaykin's American Flagg! #5: By **Howard Chaykin, Mike Vosburg, John Moore, Richard Ory, Tony Van de Walle** and **Ken Bruzenak.** The beginning of a new multi-part story. $1.75. Intended for mature readers.

Badger and AF!'s Luther Ironheart meet at the Crossroads!

Crossroads #3: Badger and **Luther Ironheart** meet for the first time and travel through time and across the globe to battle the demonic Count Kohler. By **Roger Salick, Joe Staton,** and **Jeff Albrecht.** Prestige Format. 48 pages. Monthly, five-issue limited series. $3.25.

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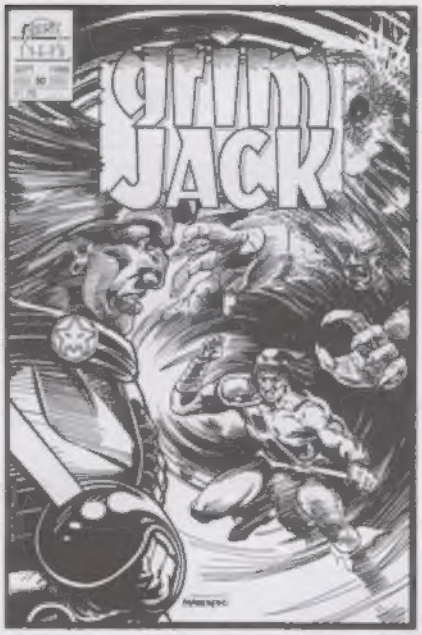
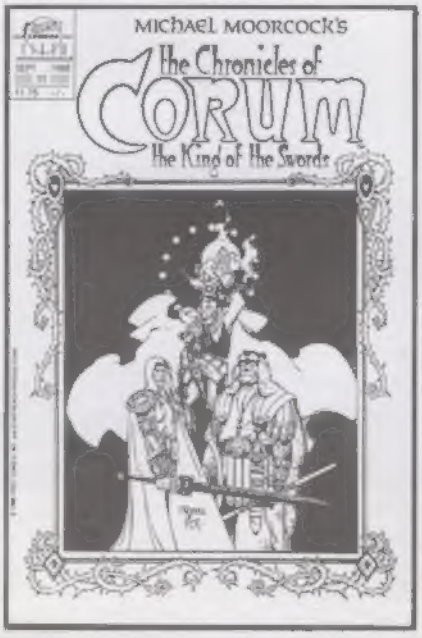
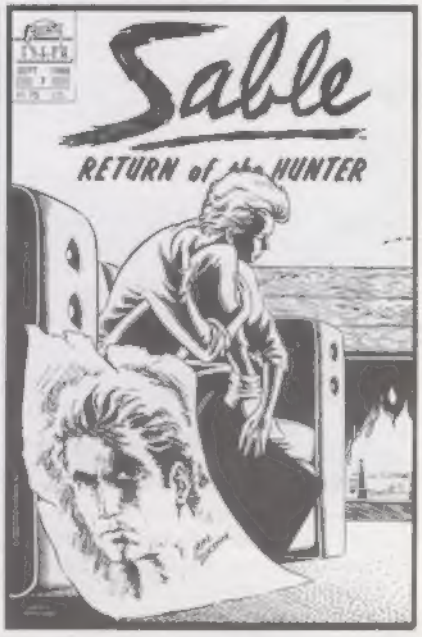
Chronicles of Corum #11: Corum mystically summons the "Three Who Are One" to aid him in his fight against the Lords of Chaos. Featuring a special appearance by Elric. By **Mark Shainblum, Ken Hooper** and **Kelley Jones.** Cover by **Mike Mignola** and **P. Craig Russell.** Bi-monthly series. $1.75.

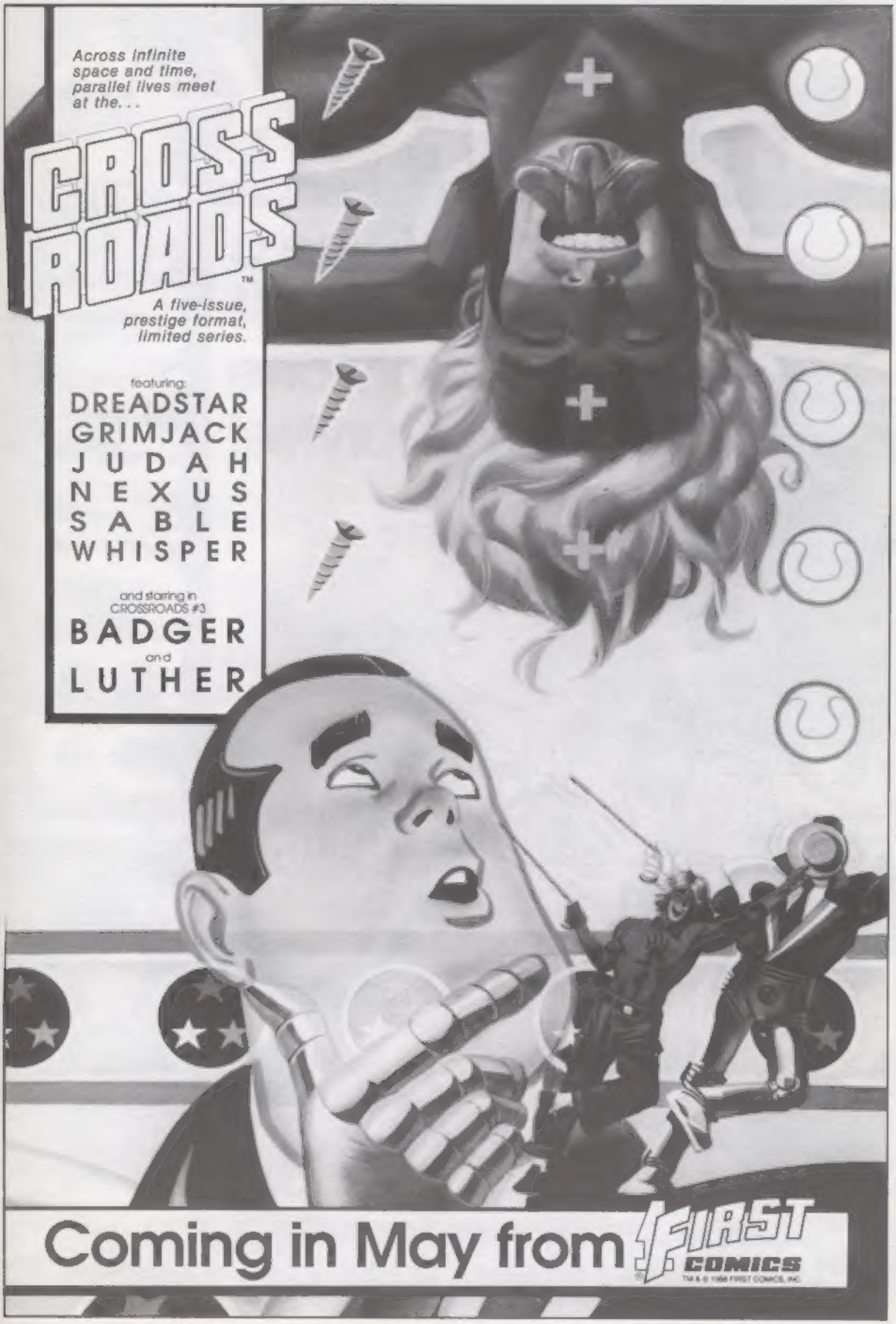
Elric joins Corum in Chronicles of Corum issue #11

Sable #7: Jon's search for Myke leads him to a fiery encounter with environmental terrorists. By **Marv Wolfman, Bill Jaaska,** and **Doug Hazlewood.** $1.75.





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